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CORPORATION WINS TAX SUIT

County Must Pay Back \$89,- 000 Taxes on Riparian Rights

Superior Judges Well, Waste and Brown sitting in banc Monday, decided that the assessments of Alameda county on the riparian rights of the Spring Valley Water Company for the years 1911-12, were erroneous and gave judgement for the corporation \$89,000, which it had paid to the county Tax Collector. The water company still has a suit pending involving the assessment for 1913.

In the action decided today the water company urged two points—that the riparian rights were not assessable and that the property was not properly described. The suit was decided on the latter point, the question as to the assessability of the riparian rights being left open. This will be decided in the case still pending.

The riparian rights were assessed in bulk in 1911-12, but this plan was attacked in the suit decided Monday and the assessments this year were made on a different basis, the riparian rights facing each separate piece of property along Alameda creek being specifically described.

In order that the county might be protected in the event of the suit going against it Assessor Horner doubled the assessment on riparian rights this year, as the law permits. The county, however, will loose the taxes for 1911, amounting to about \$40,000. The amount collected from the Spring Valley was placed in a separate fund so the loss of the suit today will not affect the county budget.

OPENING OF NEW THEATER.

The opening of the new Niles Theater was indeed successful. The crowds were there and the program of moving pictures and music was all that had been promised by the management.

That the people do appreciate the enterprise of Mr. and Mrs. McRae has been shown by the good attendance at the shows in the new building.

WATER PETITION.

The second petition asking the Board of Supervisors to call an election for the formation of the Alameda County Water District was filed with the board last Monday and the date for the hearing will be determined next Monday.

If no other obstacles should arise the boundaries of the new district will be fixed before the end of the present month and the date of election some time later.

Want Four Thousand Acres in Beet

Sugar Company Will Pay \$6 a Ton if Acreage Can Be Secured Here.

Representatives of the Alameda Sugar Co. have been interviewing growers in the township during the past week in the endeavor to secure a sufficient acreage in sugar beets in this township to warrant them in keeping open the sugar factory at Alvarado. As an inducement to the growers the company is making an offer of \$6 a ton, the highest price offered here for years. The company is anxious to secure the planting of at least 4000 acres in Washington and Eden townships and in the Santa Clara valley in order to insure a sufficient tonnage to warrant it in operating the factory at Alvarado during the coming year.

Aside from the advanced price for the

Tax Rate for Township Towns

It will be of interest to many of our readers to know just what the tax rate is in the various towns of the township. The state and county tax rate together is 82 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The state tax rate is but a few cents. In the unincorporated towns of the township to this 82 cents is added the road tax of 40 cents, making a total county tax of \$1.22 on the \$100. In Washington Township 12 cents is added for the support of the Union High School, making the rate \$1.34, where no special tax is levied. This is the rate for Decoto, Newark and Warm Springs, and Irvington. Centerville has a school board tax of 18 cents, Alvarado a special school tax of 12 cents. Alviso a school bond tax of 10 cents, Niles a school bond tax of 14 cents, and a fire tax of 16 cents, while Mission San Jose has a special school tax of 20 cents and a special school bond tax of 60 cents, making its rate the highest in the township, being \$2.14 on each \$100. The unusually high rate for Mission San Jose has been due to its loss of the big part of the riparian rights assessment which under the new method for 1913 is assessed in the districts through which Alameda creek flows. This cuts the Mission out. The fire tax of 16 cents in Niles is partly due to the higher rate paid the Citizens Water Co. by the Niles fire district.

Dr. St. Sure Locates at Niles.

Dr. F. A. St. Sure has moved to Niles and will practice medicine here. The doctor has but shortly returned from Hawaii where he has been employed in his profession for the past ten years.

While on the Hawaiian Islands Dr. St. Sure held many responsible positions. He was territorial physician for the district of Ea-t Kau, and county physician for the same district, besides being surgeon to one of the large sugar plantations, which he resigned to come to the mainland.

Dr. St. Sure is married and has five children. The doctor spent two years as house physician at the Alameda County Infirmary during 1900 and 1901, and is well known throughout the county.

ROBBERIES IN NILES.

Mr. MacPherson's jewelry store at Niles was robbed on Wednesday morning of this week.

The robbery had apparently been planned carefully, as the thieves took a time when the freight cars were switching in the yards, to smash in the plate glass window. With an immense rock wrapped in a gum coat, the fellow or fellows threw it and completely destroyed the window, enabling them to grab all the trays containing the watches and to make their get-away before any one of the family could prevent it.

The crash awakened the MacPhersons whose living rooms are back of the store. They immediately notified the authorities. Evidence showed that the thieves went to the railroad track, as six watches were found there.

Mr. MacPherson is out in the neighborhood of \$150.

The robbers broke in the Western Pacific depot at Sunol and also succeeded in getting a small sum from John Trimingham's store in Sunol.

State Highways to be Built in County

Supervisors Will Invest \$500,000 of County Funds in State Bonds.

The two State Highway routes from Hayward to San Jose via Niles and from Altamont to Hayward via Livermore are to be built. The work on one of these roads will be begun in the near future as the Supervisors last Monday ordered the purchase of \$200,000 worth of State bonds and signified its intention of buying \$300,000 more.

The decision of the Board assures the building of the Hayward-Niles-San Jose route before the 1915 exposition. The route from Hayward to Niles has been practically determined. It will follow the mountain road skirting the foothills, pass under the Southern Pacific near the baseball park and along Front street across Niles bridge, and thence to Irvington and through Warm Springs to San Jose. As the State highway will have an asphalt covering Niles will be the lucky recipient of a paved street and the State will maintain it.

Another big feature will be the transfer of the expense of keeping up the main road from Hayward to the San Jose line. This will release a lot of county road money for use on other roads and eventually ought to give us the finest roads in all California.

The splendid work done on the Niles Canyon road this summer and the further work contemplated ought to make Niles one of the most important points on the State Highway systems.

With so much done for us by the county in the building of the Niles bridge and the Niles Canyon road isn't it about time that Niles did something for itself?

With thousands of people passing over the State Highway and through the Canyon shall we still continue to advertise only our lack of progress.

It is time to awake.

Mrs. Curry Entertains Little Folk and Parents

A very interesting time for the little folks was had recently in the parlors of the Presbyterian church at Newark. Mrs. Curry has a primary class that enrolls 25 members, while the Cradle Roll has sixteen names. Mrs. Ormsby invited all these with their mothers to an afternoon entertainment and over 40 attended.

The children sang songs and spoke pieces, then came the feast. The children were seated at one table and the mothers at another, and all enjoyed greatly the good things provided for them. All had a good time indeed, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by the little folks.

Some short speeches were made by the mothers and others, and the superintendent of the Sabbath School took occasion to say she doubted if there were a better Primary Class teacher in the State than the one we have in Newark.

JOHNSON NOW IN WINDY CITY.

CHICAGO, November 6.—Governor Hiram Johnson of California arrived here today and tonight will address a meeting of Progressives.

"The result of Tuesday's election shows that bossism is ending," Johnson said, "and that the people of all parties are going to ignore the bosses."

Same in Alameda County, Governor, even if the bosses don a progressive cloak.

Coroner's Jury Exonerates Powers

The Coroner's jury which was convened last Monday to investigate the death of Charles Quinton, who was shot Friday night by Attorney Thomas J. Power at Irvington, brought in a verdict exonerating Power, saying he had acted in self-defense. Coroner Charles Tisdale refused to accept the verdict and insisted that the jury should state that Quinton came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Power with homicidal intent.

The jury complied with Tisdale's request, but sent the following letter to District Attorney Hynes:

"After the evidence had been presented we deliberated together and agreed upon a verdict that Power shot Quinton, but did so in self-defense, and recommended that he be exonerated. Coroner Tisdale refused to sign this verdict, and said that the only verdict we could bring in was that Quinton came to his death and who caused it. The Coroner said he would sign no other verdict. We insisted upon our verdict as mentioned, but to no avail. We signed the verdict rendered only after the Coroner instructed us to. We want to know if the Coroner had the right under the law to do this.

"John Gallegos, foreman, Mission San Jose; Joe Solon, Robert Gallegos, Steve Murphy, William Rose, John Ramsdell, John J. Noll, Alfred Nunes, Jose Costa, Antone Rogers."

The District Attorney declares that a Coroner's jury is one of investigation and has no judicial power. He says that it is ridiculous to suppose that the verdict of Coroner's jury in a case like Power's would exonerate the defendant from criminal prosecution or could possibly secure his liberty.

Associated Body Meets

The Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington Township met in regular monthly meeting at Decoto on Wednesday evening. The various chambers with the exception of Niles were represented.

The evening was given over principally to a discussion of the matter of good roads in the township. The discussion brought out a renewal of the opinion previously advocated of a supervising road foreman for the entire township and the redistricting of the township. It is believed that if a supervising road foreman were named for the entire township it would produce greater uniformity in road building and repair work and by redistricting the number of districts could be easily reduced. With the building of the State highway through the township a big part of the mileage will be cared for by the State, thus relieving the present road foreman in the districts through which the highway will pass of a great deal of their work.

The matter of a central telephone station and better telephone service for the township was discussed, but in the absence of a report from the representatives of the telephone company no definite action was taken. It is hoped that by the next regular meeting in December the telephone company will signify its intention as to improving its service.

RESTORATION WORK AT MISSION SAN JOSE.

Alameda county committee for the restoration of the old Mission at Mission San Jose met last Saturday night in Mr. Knowland's office in Oakland.

The treasurer reported \$2,195 on hand of the needed \$5,500. It is assured that the Grand Parlor, N. S. G. W., will make another contribution of \$500 and the committee believes that with contributions from a number of other parlor already assured that the real work of restoration can soon be begun.

Architect John Haar will submit two sets of plans; one set to be of a character that will permit the beginning of the work and the completion of it as far as the funds will go; a second set of plans for the entire completion if the restoration work.

Bids will be called for very soon, and work begun so that the Mission may be restored by 1915.

The following is a synopsis of the treasurer's report:

Cash on hand, \$2,195; received as follows:

Niles Carnival \$935.43

Grand Parlor 500.00

Theater Party 490.00

Contributions from other par-

lors 269.57

The committee will meet again in the City Hall in Oakland November 15th.

SPRING VALLEY OFFICIAL TELLS THE TRUTH

The following is from last Sunday's Chronicle. We commend it to the people of Pleasanton. It is an exceptionally frank statement especially the sentences we emphasize.

And there is another big company in San Francisco whose corporate being extends a wholesome welcome to the moisture. This is the Spring Valley Water Company. Yesterday's rain was hardly sufficient in itself to cause any "run-off" into the company's lakes or reservoirs, but nevertheless it serves to soak the ground and make the officials of the corporation look hopeful.

Aids the Water Supply

"So for this rain probably has not been of much benefit to our source of supply at San Andreas, Pilarcitos or Crystal Springs," said Wallace of the sales department of Spring Valley, "but it undoubtedly has helped our supply in Sunol and Livermore Valleys. We have no reservoirs there, but the whole country is a huge gravel bed into which the water seeps and is stored. EVERY DROP WHICH FALLS THERE IS IMPOUNDED BY NATURE AND WE TAKE IT OUT BY MEANS OF UNDERGROUND FILTERS. But in our higher reservoirs there will have to be more rain before there is any noticeable increase in the supply."

Delightful Hallowe'en Party

The Hallowe'en reception and card party given by Mrs. Olive Bonner and Mrs. W. H. Tyson at the home of Mrs. Tyson on Friday of last week proved a delightful social gathering. About fifty guests were present.

The decorations of the rooms were in keeping with the occasion. Daylight was excluded and the electric lights covered with gory shades of hobgoblin pumpkins, black cats, witches and other designs supposed to be associated with the day.

The same idea prevailed in score cards and other accessories of the game, 500 being chosen. Mrs. Edwin Whipple and Mrs. J. E. Jacobus for highest scores and Mrs. MacRae for Shams, were presented with dainty gifts in cut glass, while Mrs. Elvin Meyer received the consolation gift. The serving of light refreshments followed and a social half hour was passed over the tea cups before adjournment.

Guests were present from Berkeley, San Jose, Newark, Niles, Decoto, Centerville and Niles.

THE WET SEASON HAS SET IN.

Since last Friday the rainfall has been considerable. This is a good beginning and everybody is hoping that Father Rickard's prediction of a rainy November will be realized. The present rain is timely and will do a great deal of good. But before there can be any replenishment of the water in the wells of the township the water will have to begin to flow down Alameda creek. We trust that every well owner in the township this winter will carefully note the rise of water in his well and compare it with the flow of water in the creek. It will be a good time to prove the fact that the underground supply depends upon the flow of water in the creek. It will be very useful information in the near future when our people get ready to defend their rights to the water of the Alameda creek watershed.

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RIPARIAN RIGHTS CASE

According to the decision of Superior Judges Wells, Waste and Brown last Monday the riparian rights assessment on the Spring Valley Water Company for the years 1911 and 1912 have been declared erroneous and the county has been ordered to pay back to the company \$89,000. At least \$40,000 of this, which was collected on the assessment of 1911, is lost to the county. The rest of it may be recovered from the company if the assessment of 1913 is not also declared invalid. The county officials evidently anticipated the decision when the assessment for this year was doubled and the method of describing the assessment was changed. The right of the county to assess riparian rights was not passed on in the decision Monday, but will be passed upon when the 1913 assessment comes up. It is to be assumed that the collective wisdom of the county officials is equal to the legal ingenuity of the Spring Valley Water Company, and that when the 1913 case comes up for decision the right to assess riparian rights will be sustained. Should the county lose the right to assess riparian rights it will be a severe blow to Washington Township as it will mean the loss of \$1,500,000 from the township assessment roll. Under the new method of describing the riparian assessment the principal losers in the township will be the Niles, Centerville, Decoto and Alvarado districts. It will not be only in the matter of road money, which in the four districts would amount to some \$6000, but it would also raise the tax rate in the districts that have bonded themselves for new school buildings.

Pleasanton Township would suffer even more as the riparian rights assessment there bears a much greater ratio to the total assessment.

It may be that our county officials are looking forward to the time when the Spring Valley rights are acquired by San Francisco and that they are trying to fortify the situation against that time. At any rate we are all hoping the assessment will finally stand as the riparian rights are worth a great deal to the water company and they should be taxed.

THE IRONY OF FATE

It is a peculiar situation that has arisen with relation to Henry P. Dalton and the riparian rights assessment of 1911. It will be remembered that Dalton was convicted of soliciting a bribe from the Spring Valley Water Company on the charge that he offered to cut out the assessment on these same riparian rights for the same year, 1911. It will be remembered also that Dalton was trapped with \$5000, through the advice and consent of the District Attorney at that time, Judge W. H. Donahue. It was not that Dalton could have cut out the assessment. It would have been impossible to escape attention. It was rather that, as Assessor, he was willing to accept Spring Valley's money for making the attempt.

Now comes Judge Brown, who sentenced Dalton to San Quentin, and renders a decision which declares the assessment of 1911 illegal and frees the corporation from the very taxes which Dalton was sentenced to San Quentin for offering to free them from a bribe. It certainly is the irony of fate. Did the District Attorney's office at that time know that the method of assessment of the riparian rights was erroneous, as the District Attorney's office evidently knew this year when it advised Assessor Horner to change the method of assessing them? Was the Spring Valley as sure then that the assessment was invalid as it evidently was this year? Then why did it enter so eagerly into the scheme for trapping Dalton and sending him to prison? Why put Alameda county to such expense for his trial when in the end the county was to lose the taxes after all? It only took the three Superior Judges about fifteen minutes to hand back \$89,000 in taxes to the Spring Valley Company. That's lots easier and quicker, and perfectly legal.

A STRANGE SILENCE

The Press has so far failed to note any comment on the part of the newspapers of the county in regard to the charge of the Alameda County Taxpayers' Association that over \$100,000 of the taxpayers' money was wasted in the printing and advertising cost of the elections of 1910, and another \$40,000 wasted in the election of 1912. Why are our brothers of the quill so silent? Is it possible that they are partly responsible for this waste of the taxpayers' money?

Is it true that, having accepted their share of the loot, their eloquent quills have suddenly become paralyzed? Isn't it rather a humiliating spectacle that the largess dealt out by the Board of Supervisors could so completely undermine the boasted freedom of the press? What was your share of the \$100,000 or the \$40,000, brothers, that makes you so blind or timid? Come, speak up. Are you all Mexicanized in this land of the free and home of the brave?

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Newark.

Mayme Sylvia of Oakland was in Newark Wednesday visiting her brother, William Sylvia.

Helena Caldera of Newark has been visiting friends in the city since Portola week.

Mrs. Thompson of Niles visited friends in Newark Thursday.

Mrs. Ormsby spent Thursday in Newark.

Miss Daisy Moore and Miss Smith were guests Wednesday at the Misses Moore.

Fred Moses received word this week of the death of his father, Fred Moses, Sr., in the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Moses had been a resident of Newark for a number of years.

Mr. J. W. Hafner spent Thursday in the city.

A. T. Biddle is improving slowly, but is not yet able to be a daily commuter.

The little son of Barton Brown has been on the sick list.

Mrs. Chamberlain has as her guest her sister, Miss Bessie Whelan of Oakland.

Mr. Lazarini is in a very critical condition following an operation in the McNut Hospital, San Francisco, last Friday.

Miss Alma Norris of Alvarado and Miss Kelly of Healdsburg were guests at the Muller home on Thursday.

Mr. Geo. May of San Jose was in Newark Thursday.

The busy season for the Graham foundry is at hand and a number of new men have been added to the pay roll.

Mr. and Mrs. Bodeutch moved to San Francisco last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simas have moved into one of the Muller cottages. F. E. Halbert has moved into the Mendocino house and E. W. Kraft will occupy the house vacated by F. E. Halbert.

Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, daughter of Mrs. F. C. Krieger, left for her Chicago home on Wednesday after a three months' visit in California.

The birthday club was delightfully entertained on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Chamberlain. Cards were the amusement and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. Richmond of Sacramento has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bunker for a few weeks.

Miss Bunker of Alvarado was the guest of her brother Sunday.

Joseph Sylvia and George Miller of San Jose were the guests of Frank Sylvia Sunday.

Joseph Nunes, Dorothy Hafner, Emma Pais and Alfred Nunes were in Niles Sunday.

Miss Isabel Caldera of Milpitas is visiting Mrs. A. S. Caldera.

Catherine Martyn of Newark will work in San Leandro.

The dance which was to have been given last Saturday night will take place three weeks from Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Hafner of the Newark House has left school.

Mrs. R. F. Ingraham spent Sunday in Oakland.

On Hallowe'en night the P. N. A. Club has its regular meeting at the club rooms. After the meeting was over some games were played and "ghost stories" were told. After that they sat down to a delicious repast. Those present were Mae Yeaman, Pauline Yeaman, Ruth Whalen, Florence Halbert, Olive Franck (secretary), Laurena Wyatt (president), Helen Veit (vice-president), and Ivy Catching (treasurer).

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Decoto

Mrs. R. Volmer of San Francisco spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. F. W. Meyer.

The Essex Lumber Co. is now engaged in cutting slats for penholders, an order recently received calling for 10,000 gross. A consignment of fifty carloads of lumber has recently been ordered and the lumber is coming in from different localities. Mr. Crocker, the superintendent, is contemplating the erection of two small houses near the mill for the use of employees. The mill now employs over fifty hands, but owing to the difficulty in securing enough steady help for the slab saws the entire crew is not always kept employed at full time. With the slab machines all employed steadily, Mr. Crocker says he would be able to keep the entire force busy practically all the time. The mill is certainly a big help to the town and deserves the hearty support of the community.

The California Brick Company has a force of over 100 men at work at the present time, making extensive repairs and additions to the plant. Mr. C. E. Fuller is now the superintendent.

The rain during the past week has been sufficient for the farmers in the hills to start their plows and the hill farmers will soon be busy getting in their crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Decoto of Oakland visited Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Decoto, Sr., Sunday.

John Mello is having an addition built to his house and is making other needed repairs.

The Victor Incubator Co. has recently received some good orders for their incubators and are now busy filling them.

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The following services in the Congregational church next Sunday. Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Morning Services at 11 o'clock, subject—"The Soul's Need." At the evening service at 7:45 will be the regular meeting of the Men's League, Mr. G. White, Educational Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of San Francisco, will speak. All the men are urged to be present, and everyone is welcome.

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Regular services begin at the Christian Church, Sunday, Nov. 2. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. Rev. Frank E. Boren, minister. Preaching services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Sunday School 10 a.m. each Sunday.

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On Sabbath morning, Nov. 9, Prof. H. C. Biddle, Ph. D., of the University of California, will speak on the subject of Christian work among the students of the University. This is an important subject, presented by an able speaker, and all interested are invited to be present.

The evening service will be by the Christian Endeavor Society at 7 o'clock.

Dr. Curry some years ago organized the Presbyterian church in Richmond, Cal., and he will be absent from home next Sabbath to take part in the dedication of their new house of worship.

TAILOR SHOP MOVED.

Dick Boranda has moved his tailor shop from the Lynch building into the Connors' building in the place recently occupied by the Edison Moving Picture Co.

Classified Ads

WANTED—Bookkeeper and stenographer. Salary \$100 per month. Apply to California Brick Co., Decoto, California.

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FOR SALE—Surrey, almost new. Cost \$325. Sale price, \$90. Inquire M. C. Joseph, Irvington, Cal.

For Sale—Thoroughbred Rhode Island Reds, cockerels and pullets.—Apply to Grau & Werner, Irvington.

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SOCIETY NOTICES

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M. Centerville, Cal.

Meetings for 1913.—Jan. 18, Feb. 12 March 15, April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

Eugene N. Babb, W. M. Arthur T. Biddle, Secty.

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Frank Mendoza

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FOOTBALL GAMES

In one of the most stubbornly contested games ever played this season in these parts, Centerville and Hayward were running neck and neck at the call of time. Each side managed to score three points during the game. Hayward scored in the first half and so they had the advantage for a while but the Centerville ruggers were not going to surrender the fruit of their year's labor so easily. They came right back in the second half and evered up. George, as usual, made the try for Centerville. When that boy gets started there is no stopping him. He is easily the backbone of the whole team.

The game was played on a muddy field and so it is hard to pass judgment on the merits of the two teams. Centerville, though, appeared to have the edge on their opponents. Fumbling the ball at critical times probably cost them the game.

Alvarado

Edmund Barth and McClain Just have been away from home for the past three or four days and have not communicated with their parents.

Mrs. Kaiser and son spent Friday in the city.

Mrs. Morris Gallivan of Alvarado died at Fabiola hospital on Monday and was laid to rest in St. Mary's Cemetery in Oakland on Wednesday. Mrs. Gallivan was an old resident of Alvarado and leaves as a benediction the memory of a beautiful Christian life among her neighbors. Two grown children, a daughter and a son and husband, survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Brown and three children of Post Costa were guests Sunday at the E. A. Richmond home.

The many warm friends of Mrs. Alvarado are happy to learn that she is enjoying a delightful visit with her daughter in Greeley, Colorado.

Mr. Abe Cohen is spending a few days at home from Marysville.

Mr. Tony Lee has returned from St. Anthony hospital and is able to be about again.

The sugar mill force has been reduced and the mill will probably have but a two weeks' longer run.

Mrs. Robie gave her son Russell a very delightful surprise party on Hallowe'en. Games and refreshments appropriate to the holiday were enjoyed and the young folks certainly entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Will Norris is home from Hamilton City.

Mrs. Scribner was hostess at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid on Thursday afternoon. The ladies were very busy in making final preparations for the bazaar and entertainment on Saturday night.

The church service will for the present be combined with the Sabbath School from 2 to 3:30 each Sunday afternoon.

ENTERTAINMENT AT ALVARADO

The entertainment and bazaar planned by the Ladies' Aid for Saturday night promises to be a very successful affair.

The farce, "A Case of Suspension," has an unusually good cast of characters and though posing as amateurs, a number of them are as good as professionals. Those taking part are the Misses Dorothy Ford, Alma Norris, Millie Lane Robie, Robbie Richmond, Russell Robie and John Davis.

A fine musical program is promised. The hall will be open in the afternoon, when articles will be on sale and coffee, cake and other goodies will be dispensed.

The admission price is 25¢ for the evening.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Philip T. Stribling, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administratrix of the estate of Philip T. Stribling, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administratrix at the off-

ice of Thos. J. Power, Irvington, Alameda Co., Cal., which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of Philip T. Stribling, deceased.

CLARA STRIBLING
Administratrix of the estate of
Philip T. Stribling.
Dated Irvington, Oct. 9th, 1913.
Thos. J. Power, Irvington, Cal.
Attorney for Administratrix.

Niles Notes

Since the recent rains the hillside farmers have been very busy in planting the ground for early potatoes.

The Woman's Club of Niles will meet on Thursday next with Mrs. Chittenden at Belvoir.

Mrs. Higley visited the first of the week with Miss Consuelo Howard of San Francisco.

Mrs. Schofield returned from Bakersfield on Sunday evening of this week.

Miss Martha Sanford who spent the summer in California, mostly at the home of her aunt Mrs. L. E. Shinn, returned to her home in Worcester, Mass., last week via the Western Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. Chittenden spent last Wednesday in Santa Clara.

The Bridge Club will meet on next Tuesday with Mrs. Snyder.

The showers of the past week have been most welcome, the first real wetting of the ground for the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Mosher are visiting this week in Oakland.

Mr. Will Cobb came up from San Francisco on Saturday to join Mrs. Cobb who spent the week in Niles. They returned to their home Sunday evening.

Miss Edna Sharpe is spending a few days at Belvoir this week.

Miss Gladys Catterlin was the guest last week of Miss Florence Sharpe.

Mrs. Higley was deeply grieved this week to learn that a much loved uncle, Mr. Buchman La Grange of San Francisco, was lying helpless from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. La Grange is an artist of fine ability.

The Ladies Guild met last Wednesday afternoon in the church parlors, with twenty-one ladies present. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Higley, president. Mrs. Ford acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Mayhew. The Niles Guild will entertain the St. James Guild of Centerville at a joint meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19. Mesdames Ford, Snyder, Walpert and Higley were named as the committee of reception for that day.

Miss Gladys Catterlin has been a guest at the Belvoir this week.

Mrs. Evans and daughter, Miss Eleanor, were in Oakland last Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Ford was in the city Tuesday and with a party of friends Mr. and Mrs. Ford enjoyed grand opera Tuesday night.

Mrs. A. I. Simpson returned on Wednesday of last week from a ten days visit at Moss Beach and San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Easterday returned Wednesday from a month's outing at Moss Beach.

Mrs. Youngman was a visitor in Oakland Wednesday.

Mrs. M. J. Silva shopped in San Jose Wednesday.

Miss Edna Tyson was a visitor in Oakland the first of the week.

Miss Bessie Shelden is visiting friends in Niles.

Mr. Green and Miss Baird of the Oakland free library, were visitors in Niles Wednesday.

A Niles farmer had a very dangerous trick played upon him two weeks ago tonight. His horse was tied at the railing at the Odd Fellows' building on J street. While he was in a barber shop some one cut one of the reins almost through. It happened that the horse on the way home traveled more slowly than usual and the line did not break. If it had it might have caused a serious accident. The trick was apparently done by some one with malicious intent and the farmer is willing to pay a reward of several hundred dollars for information that will lead to the conviction of the miscreant.

WARNING!

The Undersigned hereby notify the public that they will not allow hunting or shooting on their property or along Alameda Creek adjoining their premises. Anyone trespassing on our property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE.

NO. 17602.

In the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, State of California.

In the matter of the Estate of Francisco Garcia Duarte, who was also known as Frank Garcia Duarte, and also as Francisco Garcia de Duarte, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to an Order of the Superior Court of the State of California, and for the County of Alameda, duly made, given and entered therein on the 10th day of October, 1913, in the matter of the Estate of the above named deceased, the undersigned administrator of said estate will on and after

SATURDAY THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A. D. 1913

sell to the highest and best bidder and upon the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned, and subject to confirmation by said Superior Court, all the right, title, interest and estate which Francisco Garcia Duarte, who was also known as Frank Garcia Duarte and also as Francisco Garcia de Duarte, had at the date of his death as well as all the right, title, interest and estate which has by operation of law or otherwise accrued to the Estate of said deceased since the date of his death in and to All that certain tract of land situate, lying and being in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, bounded and particularly described as follows, to wit: The tract of land described as Survey No. 75 and otherwise as Lot No. 85 containing eleven acres and twenty, one-hundredths (20-100) of an acre on the official connected plat of the Ex-Mission of San Jose, as certified on the 28th day of October 1865 by the United States Surveyor General of California the said Survey or Lot being situated in Township Four (4) South Range One (1), West of Mount Diablo Meridian, according to said Official plat of the Survey of said lands returned to the general land office by the Surveyor General. Said tract bearing the same real property described.

Letters Patent therefrom from the United States of America to David H. Eck, dated December 5, 1867 and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Said Alameda County in Liber "B" of Patents at page 618. Alameda County Records. Together with the appurtenances thereto belonging.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE: Cash in Gold Coin of the United States; ten (10) per cent of the amount bid to be paid at the time of acceptance of bid and balance on confirmation by the said Superior Court. Deeds and instruments of title, at the expense of purchaser or purchasers.

Bids or offers for the above described property must be in writing and may be left at the office of the undersigned, being the law office of Jno. G. Mattos, Jr. at Centerville, County of Alameda, State of California, or may be delivered to said undersigned administrator personally or may be filed with the Clerk of said Court at any time before making said sale.

Dated this 18th day of October, A. D. 1913.

MANUEL G. DUARTE, Administrator of the estate of Francisco Garcia Duarte, who was also known as Frank Garcia Duarte, and also as Francisco Garcia de Duarte, deceased.

Date of first publication of this notice, Oct. 18, 1913.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR. Attorney for Administrator, Centerville, California.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

ALAMEDA SUGAR COMPANY. Location of principal place of business, Room 605, Alaska Commercial Building, San Francisco, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 25th day of October, 1913, an assessment of Two and 50-100 (2.50) Dollars per share was levied upon the Capital Stock of the corporation, payable immediately to J. C. WHITTINGTON, the Secretary of said corporation, at the office thereof, at Room 605 Alaska Commercial Building, situated at the northeast corner of California and Sansome streets, in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 1st day of December, 1913, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on the 17th day of December, 1913, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

J. C. WHITTINGTON, Secretary of Alameda Sugar Company.

Office, Room 605 Alaska Commercial Building, northeast corner of California and Sansome streets, San Francisco, California.

NOTICE

Ellis Bros., General Merchandise Store at Niles have sold and moved stock to Ellis, Pickard Co., Pleasanton, Cal. All bills are due and payable to P. A. Ellis. Any firm or person having bills against Ellis Bros., o Niles are requested to present them at once.

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